

Person Preparing Minutes:

Philip Smithwick

Name of Board, Commission or Committee:

Shade Tree Commission

Meeting Location:

Town Hall

Meeting Date:

January 11, 2010

Time Meeting Started:

7:00 pm

Members Present

1:

Phil Cashman

2:

Joe Hickey

3:

Joe Konseki

4:

Mark Alpert

Also Present:

Phil Smithwick

Number Required for Quorum:

3

Quorum Present:

Yes

1<sup>st</sup> Motion:

Approve Minutes

Vote: Passed

2<sup>nd</sup> Motion:

Approve removal of 1 locust tree at 124 Amherst Street

Vote: Passed

3<sup>rd</sup> Motion:

Approve removal of 1 oak tree at 31 Heather Dr.

Vote: Passed

Minutes for meeting January 11, 2010

Motion to approve minutes for December 14, 2009 made by Mark Alpert and seconded by Joe Hickey.

Sal Basile at 124 Amherst Street requested a locust tree on town property next to his house to be removed. Sal and several neighbors state the long pods that fall from the tree are a nuisance and safety hazard. A motion was made by Joe Konseki that the locust tree be removed at the town's expense and an appropriate tree be replace at the homeowners expense at a price of \$150 dollars. Motion was seconded by Phil Cashman. Commission vote was unanimously approved.

Tony Matala, son in law of Francis Schalise of 31 Heather Drive, state that the roots from an oak tree on town property have damaged their retaining wall for the second time. The expense to fix the wall is substantial and they would like the tree removed so it does not happen again. A motion was made by Joe Hickey to remove the tree as long as the homeowner was willing to replace it with a more appropriate tree at their expense. Motion was seconded by Joe Koneski and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Public comment – Robert Vallario, Demetrois Mihalopoules, and Ben Ademi spoke in favor of removing locus tree at 124 Amherst Street.

Meeting Adjourned – 8:00pm